

REMARKS

Claims 1-33 are pending. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and reexamination of the application.

An information disclosure statement has been submitted for the non-patent literature (Nonlinear Fiber Optics) referenced by Examiner. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that this reference be considered.

Claims 1-33 were provisionally rejected on the grounds of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1, 3-6, 9-13, 18, 20, and 21 of co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 10/820,472. Applicants are submitting herewith a terminal disclaimer with respect to co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 10/820,472. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection on the grounds of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting of Claims 1-33 be withdrawn.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 1-33 are in proper form for allowance. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested and a timely Notice of Allowance is solicited.

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